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1/26. A device for holding a reel and reel seat assembly on a fisherman garment comprising

- a. a reel seat holding device for holding said reel and reel seat assembly;
- b. a waist holder and means for mounting said reel seat holding device on said waist holder; and
- c. means for mounting said waist holder on said garment;

said reel seat holding device comprising a case adapted for releasably receiving a reel seat therein when said reel and reel seat assembly is detached from a fly fishing rod; said waist holder comprising

- i. a holder base adapted to mount said reel seat holding device;
- ii. means adapted to removably engage said holder base on said fisherman garment; and
- iii. means adapted to fixedly engage said reel seat holding device.

2 27. A device according to claim ~~26~~¹, wherein said case is a hollow cylinder having a close proximal end and an open distal end, said case comprising at least one insertion opening in the lateral side of said hollow cylinder, said insertion opening having a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, said longitudinal and transversal portions being respectively contiguous and not contiguous to said open distal end so that, when sliding said reel and reel seat assembly inside said hollow cylinder, a mounting foot of said assembly advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion wherein said reel seat is rotated to cause said mounting foot to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel and reel seat assembly to said reel seat holding device.

3 28. A reel seat holding device according to claim ~~27~~² wherein said hollow cylinder is made of plastic or metal.

- 4²⁸. A reel seat holding device according to claim ²~~27~~ comprising a resilient means disposed inside said hollow cylinder at said close proximal end, said resilient means being compressed when inserting said reel and reel seat assembly inside said reel seat holding device.
- 5³⁰. A reel seat holding device according to claim ⁴~~29~~ wherein said resilient means is a coil spring.
- 6³¹. A reel seat holding device according to claim ²~~27~~ wherein the part of said transversal portion close to said open distal end is not contiguous to said longitudinal portion, creating a hook shape.
- 7³². A device according to claim ¹~~26~~ wherein said holder base is made of plastic or wood.
- 8³³. A device according to claim ¹~~26~~ wherein the inner surface of said holder base has a concave shape, said concave shape being similar to the curvature of a fisherman's waist.
- 9³⁴. A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹~~26~~ wherein said reel seat holding device is mounted on the outer surface of said waist holder.
- 10³⁵. A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ²~~27~~ wherein said reel seat holding device is mounted in a semi-circular groove running across said outer surface of said holder base.
- 11³⁶. A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹⁰~~35~~ which comprises a depression in said holder base outer surface below said semi-circular groove, said reel and reel seat assembly received in said depression when said reel and reel seat assembly is mounted in said reel seat holding device.
- 12³⁷. A device according to claim ¹~~26~~, wherein said means defined in (ii) comprises a slot running along inferior surface of said holder base.

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A device according to claim ¹²37, wherein said means defined in (c) comprises a mounting band fixed to said garment, said slot engaging said band for mounting said holder base on said fisherman garment, said band being longer than said holder base.

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A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹³38 wherein said band is a belt.

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A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹³38 wherein said mounting band is a rigid band mounted on a cloth-type vest, said rigid band having a similar curvature as said slot.

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A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹⁵40 wherein said cloth-type vest is a life-jacket.

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A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹⁵40 wherein said band mounted on said cloth-type vest is made of plastic or metal.

18.43.

A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹26 wherein said mounting means defined in (b) comprise bolts and nuts.

19.44.

A device for holding a reel seat holding device according to claim ¹26 wherein a line positioning means is provided on said reel seat holding device for aligning a fishing line.